

ABSTRACT

1 An imaging system includes a cover having an underside with an identifiable
2 pattern disposed over a platen. The imaging system is capable of recognizing the
3 identifiable pattern and removing data from a digital image file of the scanned original
4 corresponding to portions containing the identifiable pattern. An alternative imaging
5 system provides for a preliminary scan that locates extraneous objects in the background
6 of a scanned region. When an original is scanned, the digital image file from the scan of
7 the original can be compared with the preliminary scan to remove extraneous images
8 from the digital image file.

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